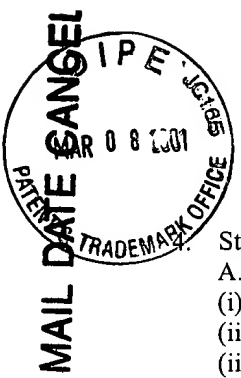


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The practitioner's client knowingly and freely assents to termination of the employment



Status of Application

A. Response due (if any)

- (i) X There is no outstanding term for response
(ii) There is an outstanding term for response that is set to expire on,
(iii) Also submitted herewith is a response to outstanding Official Action.

B. Time Left For Response

Therefore, the amount of time for response, including extension under 37 CFR 1.136(a), is:

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 cannot be calculated because this case is/will now be awaiting action by the PTO.

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NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT

5. In accordance with 37 CFR 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client.

A copy of the letter to the client is attached.

6. This request is enclosed in triplicate

SIGNATURES OF WITHDRAWING ATTORNEY(S)

7. Signature(s) of the attorney(s) withdrawing (or signature of an authorized attorney on behalf of an attorney withdrawing.)

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